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REMARKS

Claims 8 and 16-23 were previously canceled and claim 2 is canceled herein. Claims 1 and 9 are amended herein and no new claims are added. Accordingly, claims 1, 3-15, and 24-27 remain under prosecution in this application.

Claim 9

Claim 9 has been amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion to correct the grammatical problems of claim 9.

35 USC § 103

Claims 1, 3, 4 and 7 are rejected under 35 USC § 103 as being unpatentable over Kelland or Ergun, each in view of Grant & Hackh's reference. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the features of claim 2. None of the references of record teach or suggest the invention defined in newly amended claim 1 and accordingly, the undersigned believes that claim 1 and its dependent claims (claims 3-8) are now in condition for allowance.

Allowed Claims

Claims 9-15, and 24-27 are allowed as indicated by the Examiner in his most recent Office Action.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

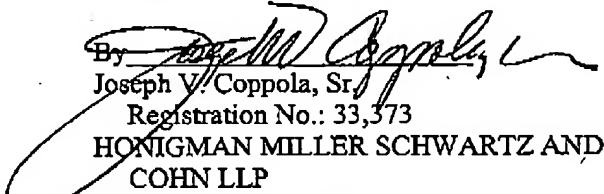
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No fees are believed to be due with the filing of this amendment; however, if any fees are due they may be withdrawn from deposit account 50-3145.

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